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### Haliburton team wins pond hockey division

Trailer Park Boys player Jesse Johnson, left and in green, looks to pass as a Beauties player closes in during the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships playoffs on Sunday, Jan. 26 on Head Lake in Haliburton. The Boys beat the Beauties, who were last year's recreation division winners, on their way to the recreation championship win. Read more on pages 9 and 10. Darren Lum Staff

## Fund to help youth find work

## **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

When Lauren March graduated from the University of Waterloo in 2012 she thought she would have no problem finding a job in her field.

Instead the graduate with a bachelor of arts in recreation and business found herself working at a restaurant.

At 24, the Oakville native was not living the life she thought she would be.

"I think because I did that [graduate from university] I was expecting there to be a lot of doors open for me," she said. "I'm a pretty hard working person and I went to a good school so I was expecting to find good work."

March moved up to the Highlands a year ago to live at the family cottage she had summered at her

After connecting with the Fleming CREW (Community Resources for Employers and Workers) Centre in Haliburton Village, March was told about the youth employment fund launch by the province last September.

The initiative is aimed at matching up businesses and organizations with young adults seeking employment by providing grant funding to hire them.

Within weeks of visiting the centre, March was offered a position with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association as a grant writer.

Through this job I learn so much every day," said March.

The opportunity has enabled her to learn from a professional grant writer and has led her to success in a short time-frame.

"Last week I got approval for my first grant for \$9,000 to buy a new fish tank for the [HHOA] fish

Not only is March excited to make a change with her work, she is optimistic about what the

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## **Police** costs trigger county meeting

**Chad Ingram** Staff reporter

Haliburton County councillors will hold a special meeting in February to plan ways to deal with the impending increase in policing costs.

A new funding formula for the OPP set to come into effect in 2015 which strives to equalize policing costs throughout the province would be a massive hit to the pocketbooks of the county's four lower-tier townships.

In Highlands East, policing costs would increase from \$134 per household to the standard \$369 per household.

In Dysart et al, costs would jump from \$144 per household to \$369, equating to an annual increase of \$1.6 million for the

The formula would essentially double policing costs for Minden Hills, with an annual increase of \$1.1 million.

In Algonquin Highlands, the price of police would more than double from about \$350,000 a year to approximately \$800,000 per annum.

"There's the short term and there's the long term," county chief administrative officer Jim Wilson told county councillors during their Jan. 22 meeting.

In the short term, the CAO said municipalities need to be examining the new costing model and how it is being rolled out.

In the long term, they need to look at the sustainability of policing and answer some fundamental, philosophic questions about

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## **Granite View developers looking at** spring construction

#### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

If all goes well a shovel may be breaking ground on the Granite View condominium development this spring.

While the municipality of Dysart et al is still awaiting a site plan, condo developer Doug Gray said they are hoping to be on council's March agenda to request site plan approval, with the hopes of starting construction right

'We're looking forward to getting started," said Gray. "Occupancy will probably be the following March."

The building will be comprised of 24 one- or two-bedroom units and once complete will be located on the corner of Mountain Street and Lake Avenue near St. George's

With more than 50 per cent of the units in the building now sold, the condo is well on its way to the next stage of development, said Gray.

'Sales have been very strong," he said.

Dysart municipal planner Pat Martin said the Granite View file was still in the middle of the peer-review process.

There are still some background reports that need to be finalized," she said. "It does take a while to get these reports through."

Granite View is the sister building to Granite Cove, a condominium that was completed in the fall of 2012.

Construction on Granite Cove moved at a quick pace, which Gray attributed to market demand.



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> — Pat Martin Municipal planner

## Five waterfowl hunters fined for hunting over bait

Five hunters who pleaded guilty to hunting waterfowl within 400 metres of bait were each fined and received a one-year waterfowl hunting suspension.

Larry Patrick and Daniel Patrick, both of Peterborough, were fined \$1,000 each. William Rutherford of Ennismore, Thomas Reyner of Campbellford, and Patrick Reyner of Peterborough, were each fined \$800. The five men pleaded guilty to the offence of hunting migratory game birds within 400 metres of a place where bait had been deposited.

On Sept. 15, 2012, the opening day of the central zone waterfowl season, conservation officers contacted the five men at two different ponds located adjacent to each other on Crown land in Glamorgan Township, Haliburton County. Officers located corn in the ponds in the vicinity of the men's hunting blinds.

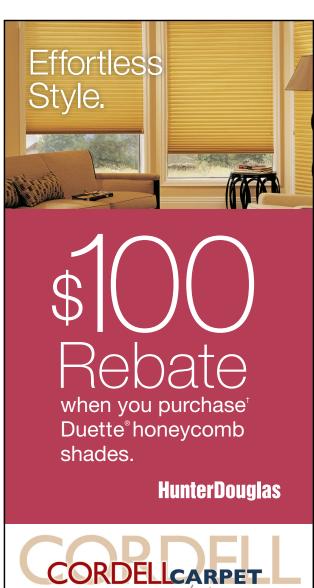
Justice of the Peace Dianne Ballam heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Lindsay, on Jan. 16, 2014.

Hunters are reminded that it is an offence under the

Migratory Birds Convention Act to hunt within 400 metres of bait. Also, bait is not to be placed within 14 days of the open waterfowl season and is required to be clear of the area seven days prior to opening day.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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### **Speechless**

The King family: Katie, left, Stephen, Joanne and Emelia with six-month-old son Keagen came to show their appreciation to the people who organized and attended the charity function held at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Friday night, Jan. 24. They were amazed by the generosity from the community after they lost everything to a fire that consumed their Lochlin home a few weeks ago. Stephen was speechless saying, "Words don't do it."

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## **Policing** alternatives may be considered in wake of increases

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the role of police.

'When it gets down to it, what is it that policing should be doing?" Wilson asked. There's a lot of things that need to be looked at down the road. Costs are going to rise over time."

Wilson even suggested that municipal governments should be looking to models used in other countries for ideas.

While the new funding formula would mean a drastic increase in costs for the townships of Haliburton County, other municipalities would actually see a price

In Bancroft, for example, per household costs are set to come down from more than

"There are winners and losers," Wilson said.

According to Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, there are 75 municipalities in the province whose policing costs will drop as a result of the new formula.

There is no uniform position for municipalities to take to the province.

So, divide and conquer," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. "What are we as the county going to do about this?"

While policing is a lower-tier responsibility, councillors seemed to agree the county should be taking a unified approach with its case and Moffatt suggested it should be dovetailing with the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and any other groups that might be advocating the cause.

"I, for one, don't want to put Minden Hills at the mercy of the divide and conquer scenario that is inevitable," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

In past discussions, Reid has suggested using the section of the Ontario Police Services Act that allows municipalities to look at alternative policing methods.

The immediate issue is the cost that is going to be put on our tax bills in 2015," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "I think it's very political and I think we need to put the numbers together."

Fearrey suggested there should be a difference in the rates charged for permanent and seasonal residents and that, with a provincial election likely this year, councillors should be taking their questions on the issue to candidates' meetings.

Reid thought it was important for cost comparisons to be done and for the county to have options to showcase so the OPP realize they're not the only game in town.

The special meeting is scheduled for Feb.

## County approves 2% tax increase

**Chad Ingram** 

Staff reporter

Haliburton County councillors approved the municipality's 2014 budget at their Jan.

It will cost \$18.8 million to run the county in 2014, with approximately \$13 million of that coming from taxation.

The budget includes a two per cent tax increase, with residential property tax at the county level equating to approximately \$173 per every \$100,000 of assessment.

Some of the major expenditures include approximately \$5.4 million on roads, \$2.7 million on EMS and health services and \$1.7 million on social services and housing.

There is \$694,000 allotted for the branches of the Haliburton County Public Library, approximately \$420,000 for the tourism department and just more than \$320,000 for the planning department.

Provincial equalization funding through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund has dropped from \$800,000 to \$680,000.

OMPF funding has been declining for a number of years, with the county losing \$1.2 million from the fund in 2010 and 2011,

The county will provide \$25,000 through its agreement with new local physician Dr. Judy Suke, \$5,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association for the operation of the fish hatchery and \$1,000 towards the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival.

The HHOA had made a pitch to receive \$10,000 for the hatchery in 2014.

As Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey pointed out, at one time the county gave the hatchery \$20,000 a year, but it had been a mandate of the current council to gradually eliminate funding during the term, which

"They haven't done a good job in this presentation convincing us they're doing anything for tourism," Fearrey said, but added he believes fishing does contribute to the county's economy.

He suggested that the county provide an additional \$5,000 on top of the \$5,000 grant, if the HHOA provided a financial statement and could demonstrate how the association impacts tourism.

The additional \$5,000 would come from the tourism department's budget.

"I would very much like to see us find

a way to continue to support them," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch agreed.

'[Fishing] is the reason a lot of people come here," Murdoch said.

"It can't be about people who breed fish, it has to be about how that relates to the community at large," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

The county's reserves were at approximately \$2.6 million as of the end of Decem-

They dropped by more than \$795,000 during 2013, largely to avoid tax increases.

They are forecast to sit at \$2.3 million at the end of 2014.

Reserves is something that really bothers me," said Algonquin Highlands Deputyreeve Liz Danielsen, indicating she thought the county was hitting a "dangerous" level with its reserves and that they shouldn't be used for operating costs.

Dysart et al provides approximately 38 per cent of the county tax base, Minden Hills approximately 27 per cent, Algonquin Highlands approximately 20 per cent and Highlands East approximately 15 per cent.

## Military-type business proposes R&D site for Haliburton County



Proposal includes minimal blasting, could create five to 15 jobs

### Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 27 meeting of Dysart et al council.

A technological innovation company based out of Dorchester wants to set up a testing site within the boundaries of Haliburton County.

Representatives of Armatec Survivability made a delegation to council outlining their proposal for a research and development facility in Harcourt.

The company is applying to amend the official plan and the zoning bylaw on a 2,000 acre piece of property near Elephant Lake Road and Benoir Lake.

On the property, Armatec Survivability would like to develop a research and development plant, where the company would test military equipment for Canadian and allied forces.

"There are four small areas identified where we would like to do experimental work," said Karl Pfister, president and CEO of Armatec.

The proposal would include about one per cent of the area used for the exercises. as well as other land devoted to utility buildings and roads.

Pfister explained that the noise impact from the "blasting" was minimal, due to

## It's like a testing ground for tanks, to make sure they're built safely.

— Reeve Murray Fearrey

the blasts lasting less than one second and occurring in a remote area.

The company is also required to adhere to strict safety and noise guidelines established by the Ministry of Environment.

"It's like a testing ground for tanks, to make sure they're built safely," said Reeve Murray Fearrey, clarifying what the company does.

The proposal would see an opportunity for about five to 15 jobs for the local economy, said Pfister.

Councillor Susan Norcross asked if there were other R&D sites near a town that could provide some further information to coun-

"I want to hear if the claims the company is saying are true," she said, adding she would like to inquire about issues such as the noise, effect on the ground and surrounding property.

Pfister explained that the company, on average, executes about 30 blasts a year on their site, totalling about one minute of blasting a year.

"However, it's the public perception," said Norcross

"That's the difficult part," said Fearrey.

Pfister said his plan was to hold a public information session in the future, preferably on Feb. 23, to answer questions and concerns residents might have. Once details for the session have been finalized the public will be notified.

According to Pfister, a significant amount of planning and research has been done to measure the environmental effects of this type of facility on the natural habitat and recreational values of the area.

Council passed a resolution for the application to amend the official plan and to amend the zoning bylaw for the proposed property, located on Peterson Road.

## Rails End Gallery makes financial request

The public art gallery in the middle of Haliburton Village is hoping to get a little extra help this year from council.

Rails End Gallery board president Suzanne James and curator/director Laurie Jones highlighted the past year of events for the arts centre and asked that the municipality continue with their annual contribution of \$50,000.

This amount had been designated to the gallery for at least the past seven years, said

In addition, the board of directors requested \$1,000 to help offset the cost of hydro and heat for the building.

With the building not being insulated well, it takes a long time to heat it up, said

'It is not a friendly building to heat," said Councillor Susan Norcross, who sits on the

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Clockwise from top, Jeralyn MacRae dances at the annual Robbie Burns Night at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton on Saturday evening, Jan. 25. There were close to 75 people who came to honour the Scottish poet. The evening included the Grand March, the Address to the Haggis, Scottish dance and a buffet of food, including a modern version of haggis.

Annie Cloutier Austin of the Mansfield School of Highland Dance performs the Seann Truibhas at the annual Robbie Burns

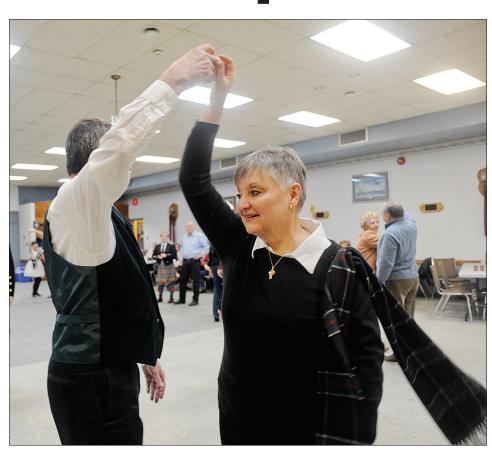
A couple performs the Gay Gordons dance at the annual Robbie Burns Night.

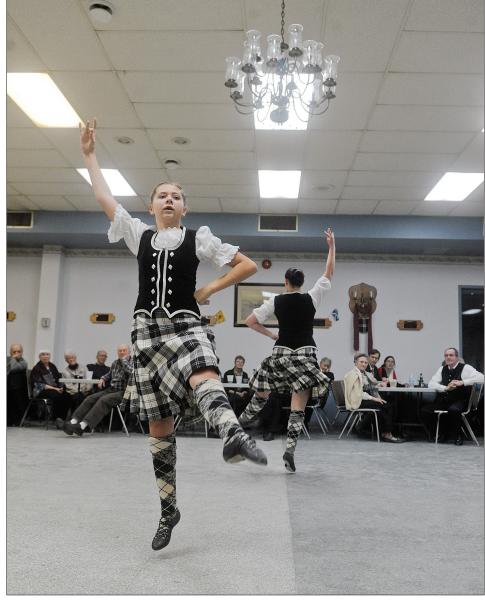
It was cold outside, but warm with smiles during a dance.

**Darren Lum** Staff



# Many honour **Scottish poet**





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## Local support crucial to program success

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"I feel like, as someone who thought they were going to spend their life working in restaurants, I'm very grateful for the opportunity," she said.

HHOA president Rex Henry echoed March's sentiments, pointing to the young lady as an invaluable asset to the

Through our fundraising efforts ... we raise enough money to hire a full-time administrator," said Henry.

However, the past few years have brought challenges to the outdoors organization, with government cutbacks and strains on fundraising dollars, said the president.

'Dollars aren't as easy to get," he said.

To help with the changing economy the HHOA began to look at applying for grants, but needed assistance in doing

It was an email that brought the youth employment fund to Henry's attention and a conversation with the employment centre that paired the HHOA with March.

By Dec. 1, 2013 March was working with the organization. "We are hoping that her success means that she can stay with us," said Henry. "We have high hopes."

The youth employment fund provides up to \$7,800 to applicants to cover costs such as wages, training and tools.

The fund offers four- to six-month job placements, and to date Haliburton County has matched up nine applicants.

Bent Nose Media was another successful applicant able to hire a youth through the grant.

For the past few months 21-year-old Jake Hayblom has been assisting the media company in many aspects, particularly with There's Something in the Water?, a recently released hockey documentary.

"Without Jake we would have been late in delivering the documentary," said Bent Nose Media president Wayde

Both Hayblom and March shared their stories at the Haliburton CREW office with Brad Duguid, the Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, and other political and local dignitaries.

Duguid explained how the fund was launched by the provincial government to tackle high unemployment rates, especially amongst youth in Ontario.

This is part of a youth jobs strategy, which is investing \$295 million to help 30,000 youth," said Duguid. "It's a made-in-Ontario approach."

To date the initiative has placed close to 6,500 youth between the ages of 15 and 29 in jobs across the province.

"The request to approve these come through my office ... it really is a rewarding type of work to be involved in," said Debbie Keating, manager of employment services for

"I listen to those two stories ... you are hearing about life-



Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities Brad Duguid speaks on Jan. 21 in Haliburton Village about the success of the youth employment fund launched last September. Locally the fund has resulted in nine placements for youth at different businesses and organizations. Angelica Blenich Staff

changing opportunities for these folks," she said.

Keating echoed Duguid's earlier sentiments, stressing the YEF works well when there is community support for it.

The manager thanked the businesses who have taken a chance on young employees and made a difference in their

"Really, for the most part, we're talking about very small businesses who are struggling to move from that one- or two-person operation into a larger organization that can really grow and contribute to the community," said Keating.



Lauren March shares her story at the event.

The launch of a provincial youth employment fund has partnered local young adults with various businesses and organizations through grant funding. Members of the public were invited to hear about the program's success on Jan. 21 at the Employment Resource Centre in Haliburton Village. From left, Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association president Rex Henry, HHOA youth intern Lauren March, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce manager Rosemarie Jung, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities Brad Duguid, Bent Nose Media youth intern Jake Hayblom and Bent Nose Media president



#### Call for Choreographer for Dusk Dances 2014 in Haliburton

Dusk Dances Haliburton is seeking a site-specific dance piece created by a choreographer from the Haliburton County area for the 2014 program to be performed by local youth. A professional fee will be paid to the choreographer for the development, creation and mounting of the performance at Head Lake Park in Haliburton, July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Deadline for submissions: February 28, 2014

For a copy of the full applications and terms of reference contact:

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E SHIVERED AND shook, buried our noses in our scarves, stomped our feet and thought about warmer places.

The line for hot chocolate was easily two-dozen deep and hand-warmers were a hot commodity at Head Lake Park Saturday night.

It was a sacrifice, but also a real *experience* to attend the

premiere of There's Something In The Water? set in the midst of another experience: the Canadian Pond Hockey Championships. (The championships continue this weekend.)

Editor The film seeks to establish Haliburton as one of Canada's true hockey towns, which wasn't hard to believe if you were at the film Jan. 25.

The park was full of true hockey types - skin reddened by freezing temperatures, smiling with unbridled enthusiasm at being outside - in a celebration of Canada's national game and Haliburton's role in building it.

Many towns across the nation would likely claim to have at least as much hockey running through their veins as this town does, but they likely don't have quite as much evidence.

There's Something In The Water? laid out the case that Haliburton is a creator and attractor of hockey greats.

The lakes provide free, unsupervised ice time. The small town creates a culture of humility and hard work. The proud

history allows young kids to dream of being NHL stars one

The evidence is in Hockey Haven, the four NHL players produced (Stackhouse, Nicholls, Hodgson, Duchene), the many more who chose to move here and the list of minor hockey OMHA champions.

Over the course of the evening, the stories and the set-

> ting melded together to create a quintessential Canadian moment, leading audience member Lauren Hunter to tweet: "Standing outside with a few hundred hearty souls. watching a #Haliburton hockey documentary = most #Canadian thing I've

ever done."

Jenn Watt

While the film endeavoured to tease out the reason for so much hockey enthusiasm and success in Haliburton, in the end, no definitive explanation was

Haliburton just is a hockey town - all you had to do was look around.

## **New email** addresses

On an administrative note. the email addresses used by staff at the Echo and Times have changed. Please see the listing above this column to find the new address for each staff member. We apologize for the inconvenience. Our phone number remains the same.



photo by Darren Lum

## The earth

HEN WE ARE connected to the earth we all feel more grounded, confident, stable and strong. Cross-country skiing has taken me to some very beautiful pieces of the earth in this county. We are so fortunate to have the Haliburton Ski Nordic Association and all their volunteers who work hard to provide arguably some of the best crosscountry skiing in Ontario.

Several times this winter I've been out skiing and had moments where my breath is taken away.

It is such a beautiful winter. I can't get enough of the white snow against the brown and grey trees when I'm in the woods. It is so simple and so inspiring. No matter what kind of a mood I start the ski in, I'm always happier and more energized by the end. I actually think I'm a better person, a nicer person, when I ski. I've

been contemplating why this is. What is it about being outside, being in nature and being so physically active in my body that is so refreshing and rejuvenating and leaves me feeling so alive and so grateful and strong?

The yogis would have a theory (they always have these possibilities to consider) about what happens when I spend time with my feet moving on the earth. For many of us, our lives are so busy and full and we get disconnected from the earth and from the planet and from our bodies. And I know I can start to feel lethargic, depressed or even anxious.

The yoga tradition recognizes and honours that everything in nature is made up of five basic elements (earth, water, fire, air and space or ether) and that our bodies are each a microcosm of the macrocosm. Our bodies are made of the same materials. We are earth, water, air, fire and space. Each of the five elements represents a state of matter. Earth is not just soil, but it is everything in nature that is

solid.

The earth element in our bodies are our bones, flesh, teeth, nails, skin, tissues and hair. Water is everything that is liquid. Air is everything that is gas. We can use the knowledge of these elements to attain greater health, knowledge wisdom and happiness. For instance, connecting "the earth" in my body to the earth beneath me can help me feel grounded, stable, anchored and consis-

Drinking water can connect me to the water that flows all over the planet and the liquids that flow within me (blood, lymphatic fluid, synovial fluid, urine etc.). Our bodies are made up of 80 percent water. When we can remember these connections with gratitude we can all experience a feeling of abundant well being, vitality, groundedness and a sense of belonging. So going for a ski, snowshoe or walk in the winter not only fills you with the beauty of the trees and snow, but helps your body feel more alive, connected and happier. And that is always a good thing.



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## points of view

## **Hockey night** in Haliburton

IKE MANY FOLKS, I attended - and survived - last Saturday night's outdoors viewing at Head Lake Park of There's Something In The Water?

Like everyone else, I also enjoyed this wonderful, locallycrafted hockey movie, the amazing venue and impressive celebrity gala, but I was also there to work.

As the *Echo*'s self-appointed fashion editor, my job was to report on the cutting edge styles worn at this prestigious event.

Needless to say, this presented some challenges. For instance, all the snow on the ground made it impossible to find the red carpet. Hence, the lack of photos.

This meant I had to make my way through the crowd and observe the fashion trends. As a result, I can say without hesitation, this winter toques are in!

If there was glamour, it was a bit more hidden.

For example, when producer Tammy Rea got up at the podium to speak, my highly developed fashion sense told me she was probably wearing a glittering Gucci gown with a plunging neckline and appropriately high hem. She could have also been wearing a pair of Salvatore Ferragamo thigh-high snakeskin, toeless boots to complete the ensemble - but we'll never really know

Steve Galea **Loon Tales** 

any of this for sure because of the parka, snow pants and winter boots she was also wearing.

Likewise, when I stopped to talk with John Teljeur by the Ron Stackhouse Memorial Snow Bank, I thought he could possibly be wearing a classic Armani tuxedo with thin satin lapels and a silver bolo tie, but seeing how he also had a snowmobile suit and toque on it was awfully hard to tell.

Similarly, his brother Charlie, who along with Wayde Greer was the creator and driving force behind the project, just might have been wearing an elegant Yves Saint-Laurent suit sans neck tie, under his sensible sweater, long johns and pants. Wayde, no doubt was wearing a kilt, albeit ironically, along with a classic hipster, three-button jacket - but if this was so, it was also under several layers of heavy winter clothing.

Of course, I could be wrong.

The point here is that it was very difficult for this fashionista to know who was wearing what because everyone was also wearing several layers of outerwear. Yes, this made sense, especially since we were making cinematic history by watching a two-hour movie event outside on a Saturday night in January. (I'm told it was too cold to pop corn.)

So, if I failed in covering the event properly, excuse me! I don't think Joan Rivers has ever had to deal with these challenges!

Regardless, it was a wonderful event. I especially enjoyed the little aesthetically pleasing touches. For instance, I couldn't help but be mesmerized by a stunningly realistic ice sculpture that depicted scores of people huddled around a fire pit. To this day, I can't figure out how the piece didn't melt, although the -30 Celsius temperatures might have played some part.

Luckily, the organizers accounted for the cold too. Chemical hand and toe warmers were given out. Hot chocolate and chili were available too. By the way, I have never enjoyed hugging a cup of chili more.

I also amassed a small fortune in all of these things, just in case the event went longer than the planned two hours. I figured after that point, you could use it as currency.

OK, I'll freely admit that my stint as the Echo's fashion editor failed miserably because of the weather.

But I'll also say that's all right. A few shivers and a little hypothermia was a small price to pay to learn about Haliburton's proud hockey history. And, if the icicles growing walrus-like from my nostrils were a bit cold, my heart was certainly warmed by the local pride and support that this event engendered. Charlie, Wayde, Tammy and team, you did a great job and made us proud.

For me, it put a lot of things in perspective. Heck, the next day, when I went open air ice fishing, I didn't complain a bit.



## pic of the past

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## letters to the editor

## **Restoring the links**

To the Editor,

I was covering a meeting in Minden when I heard the news: Creighton Feir had died of a massive heart attack.

The news was devastating, both personally and professionally. It was 1999 and I had worked with Creighton at the Haliburton County Echo since 1985 when I had arrived as a recent Ryerson journalism graduate and he was the paper's long-time ad manager. Creighton and his father Berkeley had bought the Minden Echo in 1951, moving it to Haliburton and changing its name along the way. When Len Pizzey bought the paper in 1985 from a group of Haliburton businessmen who had banded together to save the newspaper - the Feirs had sold it in 1973 - Creighton stayed on as its advertising

The day before he died, we'd all just "put to bed" our big Victoria Day edition. We'd stood in the back, stuffing flyers into the papers and papers into the mail bags, sharing jokes and stories. The day after he died, we were worrying whether the paper could survive his loss. He not only was a darned good salesman but he also personified *The Echo* for many people in the county.

Creighton's name is still on the paper's masthead -"Forever in our memories" - even though no one who works there today actually remembers him.

But that's the point. The Echo remembers. The Echo, as a chronicler of the people and events in Haliburton since 1884, is the constant while all around it the community - and staff - ebbs and flows

You can't "own" the Echo. Or at least you shouldn't

think that you can. You can only safeguard it, nurture it, protect it, until the next owner or editor or ad manager comes along. It's vanity to think that it's yours. It's way bigger than you.

That's what I've been thinking about since I talked to Jenn Watt about her decision to return to The Echo as editor. Jenn loves *The Echo*. She fights for it and pours her energy and her intelligence into it.

I supported her decision to leave and, in doing so, mourned the loss of what was and what could have

Jenn never met Creighton and she started at The Echo after Len had retired. And yet, in her, there is a connection to that past. Just as Creighton was a link between the owners before him and Len, I became the link between Creighton and Jenn.

It's not important that they didn't know each other because they shared the same loyalty and commitment to that wonderful, frustrating, demanding, rewarding entity we know as The Echo. They would have really liked one another.

Now that Jenn is back at The Echo, and the new owner is committed to respecting the traditions for which stands, the link has been restored. I, for one, am very, very grateful.

Martha Perkins worked at the Echo from 1985 to 2009, much of the time as editor. She and her husband now live in Vancouver, where she is editor of WE Vancouver.

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## **Re-creating ourselves**

#### **Gerald Irish**

A Senior's Moment

Almost every day when I walk my dogs along the path in the park near our home, I think about the early natives, who did not live in these parts, but came here to recreate themselves and to avail themselves of the recreational aspects available to them.

After all the planting, harvesting, hunting, fishing, and preparations for winter they came here to camp, rest, hunt and fish. Even then they were aware of the beauty of Haliburton.

They would camp in the area of Rotary Beach and travel into our area by following the Drag River to their favourite hunting and fishing sites and then return to their campsite rest and recreate themselves.

As we approach (or are in) the winter of our lives, we too must learn to try to recreate ourselves, both mentally and physi-

We have all worked and survived through many years and have earned the right and privilege to relax and enjoy what time remains to us.

## Locally produced calendar stimulates conversation in a **Cambodian classroom**

Haliburton residents Sean and Gwen Pennylegion are currently on their third fourmonth cycling tour of SE Asia, touring through Vietnam and Cambodia. They are not only avid cyclists, they also volunteer their time and skills as teachers, teaching primarily conversational English to Cambodian students. This is their second time in three years as volunteers at a small, rural settlement, elementary school (three classrooms) outside Siem Reap, Cambodia. The students represent the equivalent of pre-K to high school, and the Pennylegions will be there for five weeks on this tour. The school is run by a small organization called Future of Khmer Children. Sean indicated the school is very poor, and has very limited financial and physical resources (limited number of books, one out of date world map, a few old colour/shape/body part kinds of posters, baffed desks, stopped clocks, etc). The Pennylegions and other volunteers before them have done what they can to help with resource material, such as dictionaries, games, musical instruments, etc., and now a calendar from Haliburton, tucked into a bike pannier, travelling from Saigon through the Mekong Delta to Phnom Penh and eventually to the school.

It's the only calendar at the school. Sean

states: "before I put it up on my second day here, we had a great discussion about the relevance of a calendar and its use in planning, tracking and recording blocks of time (not sure they saw it as a particularly important concept), and then we discussed the seasonal changes that happen, both in Canada and in Cambodia. The variety of outstanding photos made this much easier to explain. They were gobsmacked by the pictures of the snow and ice. It is absolutely impossible to describe a wind chill of -35, or snow up to your waist, or a frozen river. There is nothing here to help them relate. Most rural refrigeration is blocks of ice in coolers, delivered daily, in little roadside shops. Rural refreshments such as water, beer and Coke are not refrigerated (there are no fridges)... they are served over ice". Given the discussion generated by the calendar, Sean stated, "I'm sure it will be well thumbed before the year is out".

So here we are, thousands of miles away, but only a photo away from learning and understanding, all thanks to volunteers like the Pennylegions. Keep up the good work, and thanks for being there.

**Frank Thom** 

A Haliburton calendar hangs on the wall of a school in Cambodia. Sean and Gwen Pennylegion brought the calendar to show the kids how seasons change in Canada. Submitted





## Skilled trades can offer lucrative job opportunities

**Angelica Blenich** 

Staff reporter

While well-paying jobs are becoming more and more difficult to find, many local opportunities exist within the skilled trades sector.

That was the key message at an information session hosted by Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin at Haliburton's Fleming College campus on Jan 23.

Stemming from an idea by local tradesman Dan Slote, the session was aimed at exploring opportunities within the skilled trades and bridging gaps between employers and those

Devolin pointed to the job boom in the western part of Canada as an example of the market demand out there for skilled labourers and his desire to see those types of jobs in Haliburton County.

"Many of you have heard there are lots of opportunities in the skilled trades," said Devolin. "We want to talk about resources out there

In the past two years the Fleming CREW (Community Resources for Employers and Workers) centre in Haliburton Village has supported 33 skilled trades people either find local jobs or get the training they need, said employment counsellor Shanthi Bascombe.

The jobs have ranged from arborist to hairdresser to cabinet maker.

'The jobs are there," she said. "People are getting trained in these jobs in our community. So it is happening and it does work."

Fleming College faculty members Jason Jackson and Jim Smith spoke on some of the educational opportunities available in the

Both licensed skilled tradesmen themselves, Jackson and Smith have first-hand knowledge of how lucrative these job opportunities can be.

"Construction is one of Canada's largest

employers," said Jackson. "The income poten-

With projections estimating that the job gap is only going to widen in the future, there will only be more opportunities, he said.

He pointed to carpenters in Oshawa currently making, on average, \$25 an hour, with some making as high as \$50 an hour.

"Those construction jobs have to get filled ... those jobs aren't going to go away," said Jackson.

High school students who are beginning to weigh their post-graduation options are starting to look more at skilled trades due to the economic benefits.

Unlike university programs, many skilled trades programs offered at the college level cost less money and have a higher placement and compensation rate.

The Frost campus of Fleming College in Lindsay is the only school in the world to offer a Resources Drilling and Blasting program, said Smith.

The program, which consists mostly of applied learning, has a high success rate for graduates due to a large demand across the country for those skilled labourers, said

"At any construction site, you're going to see a drill," he said.

Aside from finding local career opportunities for people, the Fleming CREW office is about matching employers with suitable employees, said Bascombe.

She encouraged employers to let the centre know if they are willing to take on apprentices.

There are also financial incentives for employers looking to offer apprenticeships.

"We can help you with that," said Bas-

A third generation plumber, Slote said he approached Devolin about the idea for the information session to help those wanting to get into skilled trades find out how they can.

"We've got to open the doors," said Slote.





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## sports

## The Boys demonstrate Highlands pride

**Darren Lum** 

Staff reporter

Being around the Trailer Park Boys it was plain to see why they were successful at this year's Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships.

It wasn't weeks of practice or crazy superstitions.

There's no question the Boys of the Highlands have hockey skill, demonstrated this past weekend, starting this past Friday afternoon in Haliburton on Head Lake.

However, what is more important for this team is their passion for the game, their community and the brotherhood they share.

With 50 teams and more than 250 players, the Boys knew it wasn't going to be easy.

They just wanted to play.

Even when Friday evening the temperature was south -20°C, causing a team to forfeit, the Boys still played a game of shinny.

They'll tell you they won the men's recreation (plus 25 years) division because of the "system" - sort of like a trap - but these guys

Like brothers, Brad Park, Ryan Scheffee, Scott Neilson, Ryan Wood, Jesse Johnson, who are all living in Haliburton, and Steve Miscio, who is from West Guilford, know each other well, communicating without having to say anything.

At times they razzed each other, but, most importantly, were there for each other just like the community they're from.

By the end of it all, the Boys were all smiles, but didn't forget the importance of the event. They took time to have a group photo with the volunteers, who are integral to the event.

When the team was on the ice they were like poetry, making passes that defied logic, hitting each other in stride or back-checking in the nick of time to prevent a goal when it looked like one was about to be scored against them.

Team captain and self-appointed coach, Park even pulled himself out of quarter-final game to give his own skates to Wood, who had his skate blade break on a shot on Sun-

Park said he couldn't let his team be without the No. 1 defenceman, who was counted on regularly to start the rush from net.

The Boys went on to edge out last year's recreation division winners 20-19 in a nailbiter during the quarterfinals on Sunday morning.

In that game and the semi-finals that followed the team showed great character battling back from halftime deficits.

By the end of the semi-finals they beat the Ice Breakers, who finished in the top spot in the same division because of goal differential, 17-16.

When you're having fun it's easy to stay relaxed even when the tension is high.

"Playing Canada's favourite pastime game, hockey outside on the lake with a great group of friends," Park said, referring to

see TOUGH page 10









Photos clockwise from top, the action comes into the Trailer Park Boys bench; the local entry of Brad Park, left, Steve Miscio, Ryan Scheffee, Scott Neilson, Ryan Wood and Jesse Johnson, all in green, posed with the volunteers after the final win; Scheffee looks to run up ice and Neilson shows what he needed to stay warm on Friday afternoon at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships in Haliburton on Head Lake this past weekend.

The Trailer Park Boys won the recreation division championship over Skate Upton 23-9 in the final. They won eight of nine games played over three days

This coming weekend the championship continues with the master's divisions. **Photos by Darren Lum** 



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## Nothing could keep them from playing

**Darren Lum** 

Staff reporter

Good things come to those who wait.

Minden's Meghan Shaw loves hockey and has always wanted to get a team into the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships. She's tried for three years.

This past December, Shaw accepted a spot in the event despite not having a full team.

"Î'm like, oh, my God," she said. "Yes, just sign me up I'll figure it out."

They included Highlands residents Sam Tallman, Emma Corrigan and Shaw's friends and out-of-towners Kelsey Vance of Bancroft, Andrea Rodriguez and Andrea Bateman of Oshawa.

She wished Haliburton's Jessica Duchene, who regularly

plays with Shaw in tournaments, was available, but because of scheduling couldn't make it back home.

She said she could have a full roster of local players, but couldn't get commitments.

Even the threat of reinjuring her calf muscle, which was torn playing baseball this past summer, couldn't stop Shaw from playing in the championships.

Not one to sit still, she figured she would be fine if she could work and fulfill her duties as a nurse. Besides she's waited so long.

"I can't turn this down. I've been wanting this for three years," she said.

The first time she saw the pond hockey championships was in Huntsville. She was hooked.

Shaw, who tries to participate in many area hockey tournaments, adds right after last year's event she was asking about a team spot.

Although she wanted to be included with the recreation division teams, she wasn't disappointed about being placed in the open division.

Despite a winless championship, the team's captain was still excited.

"I had a blast. I'd definitely do it again in a heartbeat," she said in a text message.

After the team's first game, Corrigan was still smiling and appreciated the experience of playing outside.

In fact, the entire team could still smile for a team photo. Going into the event Shaw was already considering this experience as a learning opportunity.

For the most part the group has a wealth of hockey experience except hardly any of them have ever played outside an arena.

"This will be our learning experience. Next year we'll go and try and win it," she said.





Team RamRod: Kelsey Vance, front row, left, Sam Tallman, Meghan Shaw (also pictured on right) and back row, left, Andrea Rodriguez, Justine Bateman and Emma Corrigan were still smiles despite losing all five games in the women's open division during their first experience playing pond hockey at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships in Haliburton on Head Lake on this past weekend. Darren Lum Staff

## Tough road for Trailer Park Boys to Championship finals

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the best part of the weekend.

Last year the team didn't win a game, playing in the open division and not having the system, which they learned from The Originals team that won the open division the last two years.

Their trip to the finals wasn't easy, as an 8-7 loss in the championship opener to Dixon Cider, who ended up missing the playoffs to the Boys, didn't put the local team on an easy road.

The Boys recovered and found their stride winning all of their remaining games, including the 30-12 win over the Ice Breakers to tie for top spot in the division. A three-way tie was result between the Boys, Ice Breakers and Dixon Cider. By way of goal differential the Boys advanced, finishing second in the pool.

After the championship, the team discussed the idea of going to play in Minnesota at the U.S. Pond Hockey Championships.

Park pointed out this group has been working towards going to every NHL rink since 2007.

The championship win was a fitting end to the weekend. After winning their fourth game of the first five in two days, the team went to see the premiere of There's Something In The Water at the Hockey Night in Haliburton at Head Lake

The next day in the final they dominated the Skate Upton

team of Toronto (with one player from Tillsonburg) to the tune of 23-9.

They might have joked about how it factored, but there was no denying the inspired play through the four elimination games on Sunday.

Maybe there really is something to the water here in the Highlands?

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## Chilly doc premiere gets warm reception

**Jenn Watt** Editor

Hockey fans and community supporters huddled around the bonfire, bundled in layers of winter clothing, stomping feet and clutching hot chocolates in order to see the premiere of There's Something In The Water?, a documentary about Haliburton's rich hockey history.

On Saturday night, in -20°C weather, hundreds happily forked out \$20 apiece to shiver together in Head Lake Park in celebration of Canada's national sport and Haliburton's role in creating four remarkable NHL players and attracting many more.

"We have a slogan at TSN - hockey lives here. But after seeing the pond hockey tournament today and knowing all the players that have come from this town that we'll see in the movie and all of you out here tonight, I'm going to disown that slogan and say that hockey really lives here [in Haliburton]," declared James Duthie, host of the event and TSN sportscaster.

Duthie narrated the film, which explores why Haliburton managed to produce NHL players Ron Stackhouse, Bernie Nicholls, Cody Hodgson and Matt Duchene and entice former professional players and referees to make homes here including Glen Sharpley, Scotty Morrison and Walt McKe-

Duthie called the premiere "the craziest, best idea ever" and it was the place to be on Saturday night - although it was hard to recognize exactly who was in attendance with a large number of balaclavas, hoods and scarves pulled up to spectators' eyes.

Before the film began its two main creators, Charlie Teljeur and Wayde Greer took to the stage and thanked the volunteers, sponsors and Tammy Rea of Sticks and Stones Media.

"She is the one among all the others that has helped us through this, encouraged us, egged us on," said Greer.

Teljeur said it was too cold to say much, but reminded the audience that Haliburton's



story was one worth knowing.

"It just shows you what's possible coming from a small place," he said.

A letter from Prime Minister Stephen Harper was also read. In it, he said he regretted missing the premiere and intended to and Cookie Gross (see story on page 12). watch the DVD upon its release.

"It is indeed incredibly remarkable that the small village of Haliburton has produced such an impressive succession of players," he

Other VIPs in attendance included Kevin Shea, Steve Dryden, Neil Lumsden, Bobby Baun, Chris Nilan, Walt McKechnie, Scotty Morrison, Ron Stackhouse, Bernie Nicholls

There's Something In The Water? also

**Darren Lum** Staff

At left: People did everything they could to stay warm, including standing near the bonfire, at the premiere event, Hockey Night in Haliburton for There's Something In The Water at Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Saturday night, Jan. 25. **Bottom left: Hockey Night in** Haliburton host James Duthie, a TSN broadcaster, addresses the crowd.

Bottom middle: Wavde Greer. left, and Charlie Teljeur of There's Something In The Water speak moments before the screening

**Bottom right: Singer Jennifer** Strype sings the national anthem.



included Jim Gregory and the late Wren Blair explaining the impact Hockey Haven had on the area, multiple commentators and columnists and interviews with Haliburtonborn NHL players, NHL players who have moved to Haliburton and local hockey sup-







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## Hockey super fan connects online with Haliburton's hockey history

Jenn Watt Editor

Hockey fans come in all shapes and sizes - some even come from America's warm south, hockey documentarian and Haliburton resident Charlie Teljeur has learned.

The credit goes to Cookie Gross, a sprite-like, red-haired Tampa Bay Lightning fanatic and retired math teacher, who befriended Teljeur online.

It started about six years ago, when Gross began commenting on Teljeur's columns on thehockeynews.com and has lasted through the years, culminating in Gross's visit to Haliburton to attend the premiere of *There's Something in the Water?* - a documentary about the area's rich hockey history.

"There used to be commentaries [on thehockeynews.com] and people would respond to them. For the most part flamers or trolls [online bullies] would put stuff down, but I'd always see this Cookie," recalls Teljeur.

"We started to get into longer conversations. I was very chauvinistic in hockey towards southern fans. It was all about NAS-CAR and Carolina and people on the beach who don't know anything about the Stanley Cup," said Teljeur.

Gross proved that stereotype wrong.

The pair started out talking about hockey and then moved into talking about life, eventually becoming close friends.

When Teljeur began work on *There's Something in the Water?* along with the rest of Bent Nose Media, he recruited Gross to assist with the research.

Being a former math teacher, she jumped right in.

Gross has become a bit of a celebrity in her Miami home for

While she discovered hockey just more than a decade ago, she is a regular fixture at Lightning games and practices, on a first-name basis with many of the players.

Her connection has led to several touching anecdotes, where the bubbly hockey devotee has managed to unite players with

In one case, she connected a player with memories of home. "Steven Stamkos is basically the greatest player in the game right now," said Teljeur. "He plays for Tampa. When he first got there they did an interview with him and what he missed about Canada. And what he said he missed ... was ketchup chips. So

Cookie gets a hold of this and says [to me] 'is there any way you can get me ketchup chips?" Teljeur sent a bag specifically for Stamkos, which Gross dutifully delivered.

The gift was so popular, Teljeur now regularly mails Tim Hortons coffee and ketchup chips to Florida for homesick Canadian hockey players.

Gross has single-handedly taken on the negative stereotypes about southern hockey fans not being as knowledgeable or dedicated as Canadian ones - or at least those in the northern



Jenn Watt Staff

Cookie Gross witnesses a real Canadian winter in Haliburton on Jan. 24. The Tampa Bay Lightning super-fan met her online friend, Hockey News writer and documentary maker Charlie Teljeur, for the first time ahead of Haliburton's Pond Hockey Championships. Gross helped Teljeur and Bent Nose Media with the documentary There's Something In The Water? about Haliburton's hockey history, which premiered on Jan. 25.

"About eight years ago, I was at a game [in Tampa Bay]. We won and a Montreal fan said to me, 'it was a good game, but you don't deserve a hockey team.' And I said ... 'well, we share the beaches with you; you share your game with us."

Gross isn't just a Tampa fan, she is interested in all teams and all levels of hockey.

And yet she said she's never been anywhere with weather truly suited for the sport - until now.

On Jan. 23, she hopped aboard an airplane headed for Toronto and met Teljeur for the first time in their six-year friendship.

For the next five days she planned to see the pond hockey championships in Haliburton, attend the premiere of the documentary and finish it off with a Lightning v. Leafs game in

While most in Haliburton were whining about the -30°C temperatures, Gross was delighted.

'First of all, I woke up [at the Pinestone Resort] and I pulled the curtains back and [she gasps] snow. I take a photo. Then,

right out of the shower I check again. Is it still there?"

Besides embracing the sport and the snow, Gross embraced Teljeur's documentary and the story of Haliburton's incredible

Given the DVD of the film before the general public could see it, she insisted on waiting to watch it with everyone else - outside on a 40-foot screen in Head Lake Park.

"I feel an enormous amount of pride for my friends," she said of the documentary. "I just know how successful it's going to

For his part, Teljeur said Gross has changed his perspective on hockey fans from the south.

"Every so often Tampa Bay comes up - should they have a team? - that kind of thing. And there's a strong basis there, but I just think, 'no, you can't take Cookie's team,"' he said.

"[It used to be] it was our game and they borrowed it. It's not that way anymore."



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## Haliburton Lake cottager Sochi bound

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

Playing hockey in the Olympics is a dream many Canadians have growing up.

For Ryan Gardner, a dual citizen, it's a dream being fulfilled with his second home, Switzerland.

The Haliburton Lake cottager was grateful for the second chance to play in the Olympics after missing the cut for the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

"Obviously I was very excited about being able to take part in the Olympics. I missed out on Vancouver so it was great after four years still to have the chance. Our [Swiss] team had a great World Championships last year so I think we are all excited to see how this tournament goes," he wrote in an email.

Gardner, who has been to Russia before, is looking forward to visiting Sochi for the first time.

"It's going to be amazing. All the teams are stacked and with our Swiss team getting silver last year at the world [championships] I don't think we will be surprising any teams anymore. So it will be a tough test for us. But to have all the world's best players there it will be amazing to watch and be a

When he heard he made the squad from the team's coach the day before the official announcement, he felt a little nervous and happy about the opportunity.

Gardner, who was with his wife Christy and two young boys, Eagan and Beckett in his Switzerland home, called his parents Dave and Robbie in Aurora and two close friends on his Swiss team.

He was quick to congratulate Matt Duchene for making the Canadian team.

"He is an amazing player. I am a big fan," he said. "Haliburton should be very proud of him. The guy's amazing."

He pointed out during the recent NHL lockout Duchene played in Switzerland.

Gardner is appreciative to Switzerland for this opportunity and his long professional hockey career.

"Playing for Switzerland is great. I owe a lot to this country, not only playing over here for 17 years now. We also lived here for eight years when I was younger. My dad played here for a bit also," he said. "I was able to play for Canada a couple times before I got my passport in the Spengler Cup tournament. So that was great, but the Worlds [Championships] with Switzerland have been great. Our team is really good and I think we have another great chance this year." Like most success stories, Gardner's depended on his support network.

"I think first I have to thank my parents. You hear it all the time but they always were there for me with hockey. Giving up all their time for my hockey. My dad being a player himself teaching me all the things was great. I

have to thank my wife. She sacrifices a lot being over here away from her family for so long so that I can keep playing hockey. Also all my coaches and teammates everyone has an influence on your

career," he said. Although he wasn't born in the Highlands, Gardner loves it like he was.

He has been visiting the area since he was a child, seeing his grandparents, Bob and Grace Miller, who have both died.

"Haliburton Lake has been a great place for me and my family for the longest time. My grandparents were on the lake for 50 years so being able to come visit in the summers when I was a kid was great. To get up there on the lake and enjoy everything was very relaxing and enjoyable," he said.

Being able to do other things than play hockey such as learning how to water ski, was a nice break, he said.

Gardner bought his grandparents place. He and his family split their time between Haliburton Lake and Aurora.

"Now being able to be up there every weekend and sometimes longer at our own place is so special. I enjoy getting up there relaxing, spending time with my family. Being gone overseas for pretty much the whole year, it's nice to have everyone up there and together in the summer. I hope to be able to let my kids enjoy Haliburton their whole life," he said.



### **Special Meeting of County Council**

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that Haliburton County Council will convene a Special meeting on Wednesday February 5, 2014 for purposes of passing a bylaw to approve the 2014 Budget and further to discuss the proposed O.P.P Costing Model.

The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the County Council Chambers located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. For further information please contact:

Jim Wilson, CAO/County Clerk County of Haliburton



Haliburton Lake cottager Ryan Gardner, who plays club hockey for SC Bern in Switzerland, is going to the Sochi Olympics. Gardner will play for the Swiss hockey team. Gardner has history in his blood with grandfather Cal Gardner playing for the Toronto Maple Leafs, dad Dave Gardner and uncle Dave Gardner playing in the NHL. Photo by Pius Koller. Courtesy of SC Bern.





## MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL. REHABILITATION OF CRANBERRY LAKE ROAD

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13 February 2014

and will be publicly opened on the same day.

The work generally includes pulverization of the existing surface treatment, rock excavation, new granular materials, grading, culvert replacement, double surface treatment and other miscellaneous work required to complete the rehabilitation of approximately 2.0km of rural

Tender documents will be available via email from the office of the Municipality of Dysart et al. at no charge. Hard copies can be obtained from the office of the Engineer for a non-refundable fee of \$75.00 by cash or cheque payable to The Greer Galloway Group Inc

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**Haliburton Lake has** been a great place for me and my family for the longest time ... I hope to be able to let my kids enjoy **Haliburton their whole** life.

— Ryan Gardner

## Music and literature mix in Raymond show

"First of all, it was October, a rare month for boys. Not that all months aren't rare. But there be bad and good as the pirates say."

Corin Raymond opens and closes his one-man show Bookworm with these words from the prologue to Ray Bradbury's novel Something Wicked this Way Comes.

In between, he weaves a tale of how he came to his love of literature, poetry and song.

It started with the 25-hour car rides with this father from northern Ontario to Ottawa, where he heard Greek myths told to while away the hours.

The journey continues through what it was like to grow up in a library of 15,000 books and takes us into the influences that shaped his passion for the written word.

One reviewer wrote "An ode to books and the people who

love them, Raymond cleverly mixes everyday autobiography with an inherited love of what lies between the covers of his favourite books; and while there is a great surprise waiting in the final minutes of the show, it isn't the crux of the show - Raymond's own passion is ... Bookworm is the kind of show you want to share with everyone you know."

Another wrote: "What's astounding, then, is that a large chunk of the show is simply him describe the plots of all the stories from all the books, comics, myths and Twilight Zone episodes that have served to inspire him.

But from these descriptions he spins totally original tales about the personal connections he drew and still draws

"Bookworm also manages to convey the cross-generational influences and complex relationship between a father and son. It's well-paced, well-performed and will have you heading to the first bookstore as you leave the theatre while calling your dad to say hey."

This one-man show has been acclaimed at fringe festivals in Edmonton, Victoria and Vancouver.

After the intermission, Raymond will return to perform songs from his latest CD, Paper Nickels, which was recorded live in Toronto with his band The Sundowners.

He has gained some notoriety for this project. The production of this album was funded entirely by Canadian Tire money. He raised \$7,333 in what Raymond calls the Great Canadian Tire Caper of 2012.

Not only known as a great songwriter, Raymond is also a exuberant promoter of the best of his fellow songwriters. Paper Nickels is an homage to contemporary Canadian singer-songwriters. Contained within the double CD/144 page book are the lyrics and chords for Raymond's songs and those of 16 other singer-songwriters.

Raymond calls it the world's first coffee table CD

Paper Nickels was nominated in the Ensemble of the Year category at the 2013 Canadian Folk Music Awards.

Raymond will be joined for this portion of the show by two members of the Sundowners. Vocalist and keyboard player Treasa Levasseur and Brian Kobakayama on bass.

Treasa also has a solo career and has been multi nominated for Maple Blues awards. Her album Low Fidelity was nominated for a Juno. Kobakayama has been in Haliburton as a member of The Creaking Tree String Quartet.

He has been touring recently with Serena Ryder.

Currently he is on tour out East with Old Man Luedecke and will be flying in from Moncton to do the Haliburton show with Raymond.

Corin Raymond first came to Haliburton in 2007 with Sean Cotton as the duo known as The Undesirables. More recently, he returned to introduce us to the fine American singer/songwriter Jonathan Byrd.

The Bookworm/Paper Nickels concert is Friday, Feb. 7 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets are available at the Photoshop in Haliburton, The Organic Times in Minden and online at madeinhaliburton.ca. More information is available at haliburtonfolk.com.



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Representatives from Highlands East food banks received donations from Canoe FM on Jan. 22 at the Haliburtonbased radio station. In the back row, Roxanne Casey and Malcolm MacLean represent the station and Ken Mott, left, and Rob Spurrier represent Wilberforce and Cardiff food banks respectively. Each received \$680 as part of the proceeds from Canoe's radio bingo, which generates money for the station as well as community charities. Jenn Watt Staff



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## Propane has run out at gallery in the past

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gallery's board as a municipal rep.

There have been occurances this past winter where the propane for the building has run out, said Jones.

The curator also made a request for some assistance from the municipality's parks and rec. department in watering the garden area around the gallery.

The past year has been an active one for the gallery, with many successful exhibits, a large Arts and Crafts Festival and other events, said Jones. The board is also undertaking a five-year strategic planning process.

This past weekend the gallery was involved in the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, facilitating the volunteer headquarters for the event and partnering with the premiere of hockey documentary There's Something in the Water?

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said council will consider the gallery's requests.

## Cottage kit request denied

A request made by Royal LePage to assemble Dysart's cottage kits in exchange for the chance to insert free advertising in the kit has been denied.

The idea was proposed by realtor Anthony vanLieshout at council's December meeting and while public works director Brian Nicholson was at first opposed to the idea, he was now in favour of a pilot project after giving it "a sober second thought."

However, other councillors were concerned the pilot project was setting a bad precedent, without having been tendered as an official request for proposal.

"I stand by my belief that we shouldn't favour one agent," said Councillor Susan Norcross.

Nicholson said the proposal would save the municipality money and time in assembling the kits.

"I still like this idea, I just want the process to be more

open," said Norcross.

Nicholson said if council wanted to proceed with an RFP there would not be enough time this year, as he wants to get the cottage kits assembled and released earlier than last year, which was timed for the May long weekend.

"I don't want to rush this ... we've been building up this product," he said.

Other councillors agreed with Norcross, with Dennis Casey adding it would be opening up a can of worms and Walt McKechnie mentioning he knew of some businesses that might be equally interested in it.

A resolution to proceed with the pilot project was

## Schmidt goes for smashing good time

**Darren Lum** 

Staff reporter

Highlands resident Darcy Schmidt believes his badminton team will have a strong finish at the Ontario Winter Games (OWG) this year from Feb. 27 to March 2 at the Bracebridge Sportsplex in Muskoka.

The former Red Hawks athlete, who finished seventh at last year's Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Championships, is representing the Central Ontario Badminton Association (COBA) team at this year's games in doubles and singles.

"I'm pretty happy that I can play at this level now and compete against the better players in Ontario," he said, adding the games experience is good.

Although he isn't as happy as the first time he made the games two years ago, Schmidt still appreciates the opportunity.

I'm still happy about going and representing the district," he said.

At 18 this is Schmidt's last chance to compete at the games, which are held every two years.

With his second trip to the games, Schmidt feels better prepared and is optimistic about medalling.

He took this past year to work following high school graduation and used the time to train more and play in at least twice as many tournaments.

He hopes to perform well not only for his team, but also to gain the attention of college scouts. Schmidt's interested in making the badminton teams at Cambrian College or Humber College. His interest of study is in police foundation or firefighting.

He earned his COBA spot with a first place in singles and a first place in doubles with Hamza Munawar at the 2014 OWG COBA Team Selection Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in Ajax.

His coach Jolyon Thompson, who has known Schmidt for three years, characterizes him as an introspective, determined and focused player who never gives up.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus gives his best performance for the benefit of the team, he said.

Schmidt is the "strongest male player on the team. He may be called on to try to win crucial matches," Thompson said.

He has coached badminton teams at four other Ontario Winter Games, including the University of Toronto men's varsity badminton team to six Ontario University Association gold medals and a silver medal.

Badminton at the games, he said, is a team event where districts such as Toronto, western Ontario, Ottawa and northern Ontario compete against each other.

Each team has five men and five women, competing in men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Toronto is a perennial power often fielding two

Central Ontario finished fifth in the last games beating Georgian Bay and northern Ontario.

The games are being held throughout Muskoka and include more than 2,000 athletes competing in 27 sports.

Career & Business Opportunities

## The Haliburton County IncrEdible Farmers' Market is seeking a

## **Market Manager**

for its two locations, in Carnarvon and Haliburton. This part-time contract will be of interest to an individual who has excellent human relations skills, is computer and social media savvy, has good organizational abilities and is able to work independently under Board direction. Resumes will be accepted until Feb 14/14.

A full job description is available at www.haliburtoncountyfarmersmarket. wordpress.com. For more information contact Angel Taylor at angel@thenestegg.ca or 705-286-4877.



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If interested in any of these opportunities, please submit a resume in confidence by February 12, 2014 to:

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Box 115, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 kbaird@hhhs.on.ca Fax: 705-457-2398

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Date of meeting - Feb 6th, 2014 at 10am

Location - HHHS Haliburton Board Room; 7199 Gelert Road, Haliburton, ON KOM 1S0

For further information, contact

Peter Fearrey, Director of Facilities and Projects Haliburton Highlands Health Services 7199 Gelert Road Haliburton, ON KOM 1SO

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# Reads of the month



### Book of the month, adult title

The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton

Fleeing a family scandal, Walter Moody lands in a frontier town on the west coast of New Zealand in the heady days of the gold rush to seek his fortune. He stumbles upon 12 men meeting in secret to discuss the connection between three strange events that have happened in the same day: the vanishing of the town's wealthiest man, an enormous fortune found in the home of a luckless drunk, and a prostitute trying to end her life. As their stories weave together, a web of secrets and lies is discovered. Nothing is as it seems, and everyone has something to hide. The Luminaries is a novel of alliances and betrayals, love and lust,

Winner of the 2013 Man Booker Prize and Canada's Governor General's Literary Award, The Luminaries is Eleanor Catton's second novel.

## **Book of the month, junior title**

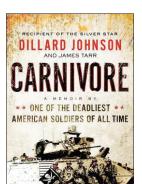
Namesake by Sue McLeod

Jane Grey is a typical 15-year-old girl in Halifax, dealing

with adjusting to her new life in high school. After finding an old prayer book in the library for her history project, she is transported to 1554 to the Tower of London where she meets her namesake, the doomed Lady Jane Grey. Lady Jane's parents schemed to have her rule England, but abandoned her to charges of treason and a looming execution. As her life with an alcoholic mother, fickle friend, and disinterested crush becomes unbearable, Jane finds herself slipping into the past more and more to sit vigil with her new friend, learning from Lady Jane's courage and strength.

## Local celebrity read

Dave Sherwood read Carnivore: A Memoir by One of the Deadliest American Soldiers of All Time by Dillard Johnson and James Tarr. He chose this book because it's a true story and the title interested him. "I wondered how he killed that many people," Dave says. When asked what he enjoyed about Carnivore, Dave says that it was the documented accounts of what happened that grabbed his attention. While a bit dry at first, the book really picked up with descriptions of Iraq and the military equipment that was used there. "I was impressed with what the Bradley Fight-



ing Vehicle was able to do." Dave would recommend this book to anyone who likes non-fiction and action-filled military accounts. "Especially Drew Winfield," he says of his friend, with

### **News and events**

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## Marg Cox of Point In Time receives international recognition

At the annual CANS Conference, Outcome Champions are recognized at all levels of the system - family and youth, individual provider, agency and system. Dr. John Lyons explained that these champions are among the international leaders of the movement to use common assessment strategies and outcomes to improve how we help people.

At this year's conference, Marg Cox, executive director, Point In Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents was recognized as an Agency Level Outcomes Champion for her tireless efforts to implement the CANS (child and adolescent needs and strengths assessment) in Haliburton to better serve children, youth and families.

"I am thrilled to be receiving this award on behalf of the children, youth, parents and staff affiliated with Point in Time. This recognitions is greatly appreciated as it is the opportunity to utilize the CANS outcome tool to focus our services and supports," said Cox.

CANS is used at two levels for the individual child and family and for the system of care.



Marg Cox was presented an award by Dr. John Lyons.

## Family Literacy Day encourages talking and reading with children

Talk is not cheap when it comes to helping children develop strong literacy skills like reading and writing.

Family Literacy Day is Jan. 27 and in the lead up to the event, the local Health Unit and the local Preschool Speech and Language Program are encouraging parents and grandparents to talk, listen, play and read with their children to help promote better literacy skills.

"Practicing literacy together every day has tremendous benefits for children," says Shelley Shaughnessy, a Family Health Nurse with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit and member of the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Preschool Speech and Language Program. "Not only are strong literacy skills essential for children to reach their full potential, but they also contribute to healthy growth and development, improved speech and language, an interest in lifelong learning and future success in school."

Shaughnessy says there are a variety of ways families can encourage literacy skills, including reading a book at bedtime, visiting the library, playing a board game together, singing rhymes, or reading a recipe together.

'Spending just 15 minutes a day talking and reading together can dramatically increase a child's development and literacy," she says.

To help celebrate Family Literacy Day, families can check with their local library or Ontario Early Years Centre to see if there are special events planned or visit ABC Life Literacy Canada (abclifeliteracy.ca) for resources and ideas on how to celebrate literacy at home.

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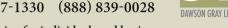
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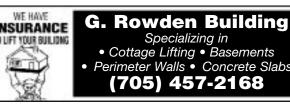
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## Sledders abound in Wilberforce downtown

## **Wilberforce**

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Though some have already had enough of winter for this year, many welcome the latest coverings of snow, especially on the snowmobile trails.

It is so good to see the sledders lining up at the local restaurants and gas stations.

Looking over the array of sleds one understands the desires of the sledders to get their shiny pleasure crafts out for some fun in the hills.

We often think of those machines being driven for their power and speed.

So it was delightful to have an older male sledder who had enjoyed food at the diner comment on the beauty of the forests through which he and his friends had travelled.

Playing Scrabble, dominos and checkers at the Games and Goodies afternoon recently at St. Margaret's Church was another way to enjoy winter. Pleasant fellowship over hot tea and coffee added to the fun on a cold winter day.

Braving a very cold evening, members of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild held their annual meeting on Monday, Jan. 20.

Meeting at the Outpost they reviewed the work of the year 2013. They were pleased to have had their historic house open for public visitations and for special occasions.

In co-operation with the Municipality of Highlands East the WHG has seen major improvements at the building.

There is now an accessible washroom, the northeast verandah is insulated and has new floor covering.

The upstairs washroom has new flooring, a new toilet and new taps on the sink.

Cataloguing of artifacts continues.

Members continue to work on ways to preserve and promote out local heritage.

As one enters the Wilberforce curling club to check out the first bonspiel of 2014 it's difficult to believe that not long ago the clubhouse would have been blue with smoke, especially so near the end of a 'spiel.

The fresh air and the warm welcome were great as the freshly painted walls and new window treatment is admired.

Catching up on the progress of the games is easy. Just check with Sally Stirling who is such an excellent and faithful score keeper at many of such competitions at this club.

She reports some good games although play is behind schedule. (Sometimes skip do take too long making decisions in tight ends.)

This mixed bonspiel held on Friday and Saturday Jan. 17 and 18 was generously sponsored by Craig and Nellie of Wilberforce Foodland.

That included the lunch and dinner for the curlers. The McDonalds have an advertising wall facing the main parking lot at their store.

The funds they are paid by advertisers on that wall is all donated back to the community. The local figure skating club also has benefited as has the snack program at the Wilberforce Elementary School.

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So who had the best games in the bonspiel? Winning top honours was a Wilberforce team. Led by Ron Roberts, Doug Stephen, Chris Stickland and Teresa Smith won all three games racking up 50.25 points.

Congratulations to them.

Placing second was the Bancroft team of Sean Cook, Bonnie Gwillians, Dave Gwillians and Liz Richardson with 41.00 points.

Most of the players on the next two teams play out of the Woodville Club though they have many connections here.

They often play in this tournament and were certainly hot on the heels of the Cook team.

With 40.00 points the team of Fred Lamb, Jenn Crane, Jason Crane and Tamara Misner placed third. Their buddies Trevor Lambert, Aaron Misner, Joanne Coumbs and Carmen Coumbs were fourth with 38.25 points.

The other teams played hard and seemed to be having fun.

Dinner and presentation of awards followed a social time. Congratulations to players, workers, convenor David Watson and club president Tammy Vaughan on a good event.

We have just learned of the death of Phil Shcherbak, a former resident.

Phil and Vicky spent the early years of their retirement years here in Wilberforce. Sympathy is extended to Vicky and their family.

Phil curled for a few seasons but found his special place at the curling club serving specials and entertaining at the bar.

Phil was among those who started and truly enjoyed the Gentlemen of Song.

We think of him joining a new chorus along with Elsie, Stan, Lloyd, Bill, Jim, Ernie, Scott, Harold, Gord, Murray and several others.

Phil died at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital on Sunday, Jan. 19. He was in his 83rd year. Rest in peace good buddy

## NHL players' success leaves community members beaming

## **West Guilford**

**Eleanor Cooper** 

754-2278

Here at West Guilford we are glowing with pride over the growth, success and participation in hockey careers of Ron Stackhouse and Bernie Nicholls, and more recently Matt Duchene.

Of equal interest is the hockey career of Cody Hodgson.

Congratulation to Matt Duchene (who's grandparents live here on Ella Court) on being named to the Canadian Men's Olympic Hockey Team.

From happy to sad news with the announcement of the death of Theo Griffin on Jan. 20.

The sympathy of friends was expressed in the large numbers attending the visitation and funeral at Monk's Funeral Home.

The family of boys of Noel and Theo: Robert, Dale, Chris, Brian, Neilson and Terry appreciated the support given by the community in this time of bereavement.

A few hardy souls climbed the 40-foot ice wall at Medeba on Saturday, Jan. 25, led by Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors.

Lots of stamina and perseverance is required for this demanding venture, so well done, all you athletes.

Euchre scores for Jan. 21: high – Bill Marshall and Bert Craig. Low – Kay Morrison and Ed Muenzel. Most lone hands – Myra Marshall and Robert McIvor.

People who did not attend the big screen event on Saturday night and were of Scottish descent or inclination attended Burns' Night at the Legion. Jim Milne organized the program and directed the Scottish County dances as well as piping in the band. Alan Cooper addressed the haggis, which was made by Carol Alexander.

Carol also cooked and arranged a substantial buffet enjoyed by all. The event was well attended.

Breanne Mansfield's highland dancers did her credit and Andrew Mansfield was proud as pipe major of his band's performance.





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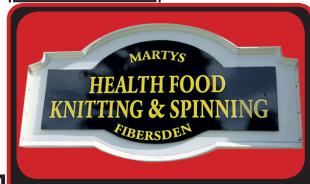
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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Thursday from 7-9 pm and then on Friday, January 24, 2014 at the Minden United Church, Newcastle St., Minden from

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## **Bonita Dewey** (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



It is with great sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of our daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and sister. Suddenly as a result of an accident on Saturday afternoon, January 11, 2014 in her 66th year. Beloved wife of Jerry Dewey of Gooderham. Cherished daughter Margurerite Webster and the late Francis Paterson. Loving mother of Mark Conroy (Katherine), Furgie and Ida (Jeff). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Kassandra, Nikita, Josh (Nicole), Khristen (Tanner), Matthew, Mitchell and by her great grandchildren Dominic and Mackenly. Dear sister of Judy (Joseph), Janice, Shari (Kevin), Valerie (Larry), Catherine and Joy (Dan). Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Bonita's life revolved around her grandchildren and family. She enjoyed volunteering at the local churches and Community Care. She loved to travel..

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